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Kingwood Main Street Program, Inc. Approved For Federal Grant

Morgantown, WV – June 15, 2006: State Director Robert M. Steptoe, III today announced that **Rural Development** approved a Rural Business Enterprise Grant of \$94,000 for Kingwood Main Street Program, Inc., Preston County, WV.

Rural Development funds will be used to restore and/or renovate the 1886 Parson's building located in downtown Kingwood to be used as an art gallery for local Preston County artisans.

Steptoe remarked, "This project is expected to create 14 jobs and benefit 14 businesses. It is a project that exemplifies West Virginia Rural Development's commitment to the sustainability and future of our rural communities."

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